

# REPORT

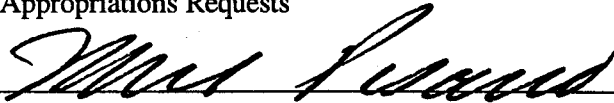
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**TO:** The Regional Council  
The Transportation and Communications Committee

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**SUBJECT:** FY 2005 Federal Transportation Appropriations Requests

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the federal transportation appropriations requests.

## **SUMMARY:**

Each year in the spring, SCAG prepares its federal appropriations requests for funding in the next federal fiscal year beginning in October. The attached chart lists the region's priority projects. If approved by the Regional Council, SCAG will work cooperatively with the county transportation commissions to secure the necessary funding for these projects in the federal FY 2004/2005 appropriations cycle.

## **BACKGROUND:**

One of the successes of the Southern California Transportation Delegation has been the presentation of Southern California's transportation needs with a clear and united voice. The Delegation, comprised of SCAG and the region's county transportation commissions, has focused its efforts to date on the reauthorization of TEA-21, the federal surface transportation program.

To continue the work of the Delegation beyond the reauthorization, SCAG has encouraged the Delegation to consolidate its FY 2004-2005 federal transportation appropriations requests into a single document that could be mutually submitted to Congress. It is hoped that the show of agreement and support would enhance the region's receipt of federal funds beyond what individual agencies could obtain.

The attached chart lists the region's priority projects, including the amount requested for each project. If approved by the Regional Council, the list will form the backbone of SCAG's efforts to secure the partnership of the county transportation commissions in the effort.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

All work related to adopting the recommended staff action is contained within the adopted FY 03/04 budget and adopted 2004 SCAG Legislative Program and does not require the allocation of any additional financial resources.

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**Southern California Association of Governments  
Appropriations Request  
FY 2004-05**

<i>PROJECT NAME</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Baughman Road Truck Route	Imperial	Construct 0.3 mile interregional truck traffic lane from Baughman Road to Forrester Road.	\$550,000
State Route 78/Brawley Bypass	Imperial	Construct 18 mile expressway with interchange and signalization.	\$20 million
Eastside Light Rail Transit Service	Los Angeles	This would link densely populated East Los Angeles with the regional rail/mass transit network at Union Station	\$70 million, New Starts
I-710 Completion	Los Angeles	Construct final 6-mile extension of I-710 from I-10 to I-210	\$15 million study
San Bernardino Line Extensions	MetroLink	Construct platform additions and extensions to increase reverse peak train service.	\$2 million
High Speed Rail Grade Crossings	MetroLink	Construct improved six grade crossings located throughout the system	\$2.15 million

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Electronic Message Signs	Metrolink	Install electronic message signs that provide real time information.	\$360,000
Orange County General Purpose Transit	Orange	Consider reconfiguring and the amount of time to Santa Ana	\$20 million New State
CETAP Corridor from Riverside to Orange Counties	Orange/Riverside	Continue planning, studies and preparation of environmental document and partial land acquisition for multi-species habitat	\$10 million
San Jacinto Commuter Rail Line	Riverside	Initiate a new rail service in the San Jacinto area of Riverside County	\$20 million New State
Perris Valley Extension of Metrolink	Riverside	Extend existing Metrolink service to include the south and east Riverside community of Perris.	\$10 million study
SR-91 HOV Lanes	Riverside	Construct 410 lanes from Mary Street to 60/91/4215 interchange through Downtown Riverside along SR 91	\$12 million
Colton Crossing	San Bernardino	Construct rail-to-rail separation for the at-grade rail crossing that currently constitutes the most serious freight rail bottleneck between the ports and the rest of the United States	\$20 million
110 and 115 Interchange Improvements	San Bernardino	Reconstruction of unsafe and deficient freeway interchanges impacted by heavy truck volumes	\$20 million study
Install Transportation Management System throughout Ventura County	Ventura	TMS technology to implement Ventura County's comprehensive ITS program	\$15 million

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Route 23/101 Interchange	Ventura	Add one freeway lane in each direction on nine-mile freeway segment	\$15 million
Maglev Deployment Program	West L.A. to Ontario International Airport	Continue development of the Maglev Initial Operating Segment including preliminary engineering and environmental studies	\$15 million study